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Title: MOISTURE-ABSORBENT/RELEASABLE HEAT-GENERATING
INTERMEDIATE MATERIAL, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,
AND MOISTURE-ABSORBENT/RELEASABLE HEAT-GENERATING
HEAT-RETAINING ARTICLE

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Sir: Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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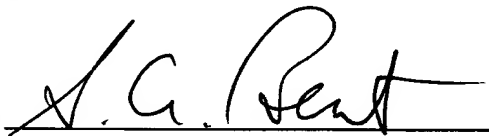
The foregoing documents came to Applicants' attention during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese and European applications. Copies of the International Search Report and the European Search Report are attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(e) (1) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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